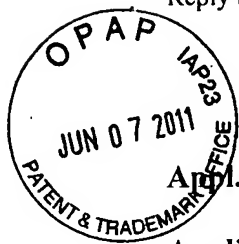


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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response, with a request for an extension of time, to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2011. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of the claims pending in this application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.